

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
DARLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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I herby present the Annual Report on the
Vital Statistics and Sanitation of your District for the year
ended December 31st 1942.

As in previous years owing to the necessity
of strict economy, The Ministry of Health have again advised
the curtailment of all reports only a skeleton outline of
essential and urgent matters pertaining to Public Health will
therefore be mentioned.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE WREA.

Area of Rural District in acres.	45,064
Resident Population mid 1942.....	9,570
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1942).....	2,630
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£ 207.15.1

The chief Industries are Agriculture, Lime Burning,
and General Quarrying. Many of the population are engaged in
Works in the Borough of Darlington, and the Urban District of
Shildon.

STATISTICS.

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATE.

The number of Births in the District was..... 154.
The sex legitimacy classification is drawn thus:-

Total	76. Male	78 Female.
Legitimate	72 "	72 "
Illegitimate	4 "	6 "

The Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population is... 16.32

This compares with a Birth Rate of 14.0 for England and Wales.

Still Births 3. were registered.

Total.	2 Male.	1 Female,
Legitimate.	2. "	1. "
Illegitimate.	- "	- "

This gives the Still Birth Rate of the population as 0.46. That
for England and Wales is 0.48.

DEATHS AND DEATH RATE.

There were 95 deaths registered in the district,
52 Males and 43 Females. This gives a death rate of 10.06, as
compares with that of 11.6 for England and Wales.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>TOT. L.</u>	<u>MALE.</u>	<u>FEMALE.</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....	1.	-	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2.	1	1
Cancer (all forms).....	18.	9	9
Intra Cranial Vascular lesions.....	8	5	3
Heart Disease.....	27	16	11
Other Disease of Cardio-vascular system.....	4	3	1
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Pneumonia,.....	7	5	2
Other respiratory Diseases.	2	2	-
Gastic and Duodenal Ulcer..	2	-	2
Nephritis.....	8	3	5
Maternal Causes.....	1	-	1
Premature Birth.....	1	-	1
Road Traffic Accidents,....	3	2	1
Other violent causes....	1	1	-
All other causes.....	9	5	4

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age numbered.....2

Total.	1 Male	1 Female
-egitimate	- "	1 "
Illegitimate	1 "	- "

This gives a Rate of 12.9. The corresponding rate for England and Wales is 49.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.


101 cases were notified as follows:-

Scarlet Fever.....	35
Whooping Cough.....	11
Diphtheria.....	14
Erysipelas.....	1
Measles.....	34
Pneumonia.....	6
Zymotic Death Rate.....	Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Pulmonary. Total 9. Males 8. Females 1
Non Pulmonary " 4. " 1 " 3

The number of cases immunised against Diphtheria during the year was 578 of this total 479 were in the 5-15 age group, and in the 0-5 age group 99. The percentage of immunised children in the area is ~~57%~~ 81% in the 5-15 age group and 32% in the 0-5 age group.



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WATER SUPPLIES.

The water supply in the Houghton le Side and Houghton Bank areas which is entirely from Wells, was again very short, many of the Wells going entirely dry.

A scheme is on foot to take a piped supply to a village in an adjoining Council's area, and an endeavour is being made to have the supply pass through this portion of the District, and so afford a much needed supply.

An extension of a main ^{has been made.} at Aycliffe which will permit water being laid into premises in place of a public stand pipe.

A scheme is on foot to take water into the village of Archdeacon Newton. This village belonging entirely to a single estate, the scheme will be a private one.

*I am Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
A. Meil*

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

